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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/658)*]

61/245. Comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on oversight lacunae in the United Nations system[3] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,[4] the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the report of the Steering Committee on the Comprehensive Review of Governance and Oversight within the United Nations and Its Funds, Programmes and Specialized Agencies,[5] the report of the Secretary-General on accountability[6] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[7] the report of the Secretary-General on accountability measures,[8] the report of the Secretary-General on updated terms of reference for the Independent Audit Advisory Committee[9] and the interim report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon,[10] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on proposals for strengthening the Office,[11]

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[1] A/60/883 and Add.1 and 2.
[2] A/61/605.
[3] See A/60/860.
[4] A/60/860/Add.1.
[5] A/60/1004.
[6] A/60/846/Add.6.
[7] A/60/909.
[8] A/61/546.
[9] A/60/846/Add.7.
[10] A/60/903.
[11] A/60/901.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies,[1] the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on oversight lacunae in the United Nations system[3] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,[4] the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the report of the Steering Committee on the Comprehensive Review of Governance and Oversight within the United Nations and Its Funds, Programmes and Specialized Agencies,[5] the report of the Secretary-General on accountability[6] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] the report of the Secretary-General on accountability measures,[8] the report of the Secretary-General on updated terms of reference for the Independent Audit Advisory Committee[9] and the interim report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon;[10]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies;[2]

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly for consideration at the first part of its resumed sixty-first session reports on the following:

(*a*) Revised terms of reference for the Independent Audit Advisory Committee;

(*b*) Strengthening of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly for consideration at the second part of its resumed sixty-first session if possible, but no later than by the end of its sixty-first session, reports on the following:

(*a*) Enterprise risk management and internal control framework;

(*b*) Results-based management;

(*c*) Accountability framework.

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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/658)*]

61/246. Procurement reform

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 54/14 of 29 October 1999, 55/247 of 12 April 2001, 57/279 of 20 December 2002, 58/276 and 58/277 of 23 December 2003, 59/288 and 59/289 of 13 April 2005, 60/1 of 16 September 2005, 60/260 of 8 May 2006, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 60/283 of 7 July 2006,

Having considered the addendum to the detailed report of the Secretary-General on investing in the United Nations for a stronger Organization worldwide entitled "Procurement reform",[1] the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on procurement practices within the United Nations system[2] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,[1] the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on procurement practices within the United Nations system[2] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon;[3]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Stresses* the importance of strengthened accountability in the Organization and of ensuring greater accountability of the Secretary-General to Member States, inter alia, for the effective and efficient implementation of legislative mandates on procurement and the related use of financial and human resources, as well as the provision of necessary information on procurement-related matters to enable Member States to make well-informed decisions;

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[1] A/60/846/Add.5 and Corr.1

[2] See A/59/721

[3] A/59/721/Add.1

[4] A/60/904

4. *Recognizes* that procurement reform is an ongoing process and should focus, inter alia, on ensuring the efficiency, transparency and cost-effectiveness of United Nations procurement as well as strengthened internal controls, greater accountability to Member States and full implementation of General Assembly resolutions on procurement reform;

5. *Recalls* its resolutions on procurement reform, and notes that the report of the Secretary-General focused mainly on strengthening of internal controls and optimization of acquisition and procurement management, with emphasis on urgent internal control issues, and that other procurement reform measures will be presented in forthcoming reports;

6. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to submit proposals to effectively increase procurement opportunities for and the participation of vendors from developing countries;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session a comprehensive report on all aspects of procurement reform, including the outstanding reports referred to in paragraph 4 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] as well as measures taken to implement its resolutions on procurement reform and the status of implementation of recommendations of the oversight bodies;

Staff

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all staff in the Secretariat involved in procurement activities, including at the senior levels, file financial disclosure statements annually;

9. *Regrets* that the Secretary-General has not submitted proposals related to the issue of conflict of interest requested by the General Assembly in section V, paragraph 9, of its resolution 60/266 at the main part of its sixty-first session, and requests him to do so no later than at the second part of its resumed sixty-first session;

10. *Stresses* the importance of developing and implementing an ethics and integrity programme for the procurement staff, and requests the Secretary-General to complete and issue ethics guidelines no later than June 2007 for all staff involved in the procurement process;

11. *Welcomes* the initiatives of the Secretary-General in undertaking training programmes for United Nations procurement staff, including in the field, and requests the Secretary-General to evaluate their impact and monitor their implementation and to submit proposals on making any further improvements necessary in the training of staff in procurement processes;

Internal controls

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further enhance transparency in the procurement decision-making process through, inter alia, the establishment of an independent bid protest system outside of the reporting hierarchy of the Procurement Division of the Department of Management of the Secretariat in order to furnish vendors participating in tenders with a means of disputing procurement-related decisions;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the specific modalities of the bid protest system and related procedures, including possible legal and financial implications;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to include information, as appropriate, on the bid protest system on the website of the Procurement Division;

15. *Notes* the promotion by the Procurement Division of the voluntary principles of the corporate social responsibility initiative, the Global Compact, within the United Nations procurement framework, and requests the Secretary-General, as appropriate, to report to the General Assembly for further consideration;

16. *Notes with appreciation* that the Supplier Code of Conduct has been promulgated and posted on the website of the Procurement Division with a view to achieving the goal of safeguarding the integrity of the United Nations in procurement activities;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to simplify and streamline the vendor registration process, to share responsibilities among the various United Nations organizations and to take into account the different circumstances and varying levels of Internet access in countries and to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session, in the context of the comprehensive report, on the results achieved;

Governance

18. *Notes with concern* the possible weaknesses in the control environment with regard to procurement activities owing, inter alia, to the splitting of responsibilities between the Department of Management and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat, as referred to in paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[4]

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it at the second part of its resumed sixty-first session a comprehensive report on the following elements:

(*a*) The management arrangements for procurement, including clear lines of accountability and delegation of authority;

(*b*) The findings of the working group established to examine ways in which the organizational structure could be changed to better align responsibility with authority and to improve the overall control environment for procurement for peacekeeping operations;

(*c*) The respective responsibilities of the Department of Management and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

(*d*) Streamlined procurement procedures for peacekeeping operations in the field, including specific information on mechanisms for strengthened monitoring, oversight and accountability;

(*e*) The functioning of the Headquarters Contracts Committee and the local committees on contracts;

Procurement opportunities for vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition

20. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to explore additional ways to improve procurement opportunities for vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition both at Headquarters and in the field and to

report thereon to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed sixty-first session;

21. *Recalls* section VII, paragraph 2, of its resolution 60/266, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that information on procurement opportunities at Headquarters and in peacekeeping operations is made available to business communities in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, through, inter alia, continued cooperation between the Department of Public Information and the Procurement Division of the Department of Management, utilizing the United Nations information centres and offices;

22. *Recognizes* the efforts by the Procurement Division to increase the number of business seminars in developing countries, and requests the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to encourage the organizations of the United Nations system to facilitate, in cooperation with Member States, the organization of business seminars in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

23. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the Inter-Agency Procurement Working Group to continue to study ways and means and recommend concrete proposals to diversify the sourcing of goods and services, in particular from developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

24. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to encourage the organizations of the United Nations system, consistent with their respective mandates, to take further steps to increase procurement opportunities for vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

Procurement management

25. *Recalls* that the General Assembly has not yet taken a decision on the lead agency concept, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to include in his report an assessment of the internal controls of the United Nations organizations and how they differ from those of the Procurement Division;

26. *Recognizes* that the lead agency concept is being developed and that extensive consultations are under way within the United Nations system, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly for consideration at its sixty-second session on proposals for the lead agency concept and the status of consultations, including on clear lines of accountability, the applicability of resolutions and decisions of the Assembly, the impact on efforts to improve the diversification of the origin of vendors, possible efficiency gains and cost savings and distribution of resources within the United Nations system, enabling proposed designated buyers to manage larger procurement activities;

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to encourage all the organizations of the United Nations system, consistent with their respective mandates, to further improve their procurement practices, inter alia, by participating in the United Nations Global Marketplace with a view to creating one common United Nations global procurement website;

28. *Stresses* the need to ensure transparency in procurement throughout the United Nations system, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the United Nations Global Marketplace website is fully accessible to Member States no later than 1 June 2007;

29. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the United Nations Global Marketplace website, inter alia, features lists of companies that register through the Global Marketplace as vendors of United Nations system entities, as well as statistics on contract awards, acquisition plans and procurement notices;

30. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to extend participation and improve the level of collaboration, coordination and information-sharing among the organizations of the United Nations system with respect to procurement activities in order to achieve economies of scale and eliminate duplication of work;

31. *Notes* the activities of the Inter-Agency Procurement Working Group and of the Common Services Procurement Working Group on enhancing the transparency and increasing the harmonization of procurement practices, and requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive heads of the United Nations funds and programmes, to continue work in this regard;

32. *Recalls* section A, paragraph 10, of its resolution 59/288, and, noting paragraphs 65 and 66 of the report of the Secretary-General,[1] requests the Secretary-General to report comprehensively to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session on the principle of best value for money and its implementation in United Nations procurement, including, inter alia, its possible effect on the diversification of vendors and suppliers and on efforts to improve procurement for vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

33. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to develop clear guidelines for the implementation of the best value for money methodology in United Nations procurement and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session;

Other issues

34. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to implement measures to reduce the timeline associated with the payment of invoices;

35. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that a monthly update of contract award statistics is posted on the website of the Procurement Division;

36. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to improve the website of the Procurement Division and make it more user-friendly;

37. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, in the context of the comprehensive report, on the implementation of the provisions of the present resolution;

Resources

38. *Decides* to approve the conversion of twenty positions funded under general temporary assistance to established posts under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period ending 30 June 2007, as follows:

(*a*) Procurement Division, Department of Management: eleven posts (one P-5, three P-4, four P-3, one General Service (Principal level) and two General Service (Other level));

(*b*) Office of Mission Support, Department of Peacekeeping Operations: two posts (one P-5 and one P-4);

(*c*) Headquarters Committee on Contracts, Department of Management: three posts (one D-1, one P-4 and one General Service (Other level));

(*d*) General Legal Division, Office of Legal Affairs: four posts (two P-5, one P-4 and one General Service (Other level));

39. *Also decides* to approve the conversion of the six positions (one D-1, four P-4 and one P-3) for the Procurement Division funded under general temporary assistance to established posts and an amount of 706,500 United States dollars, representing the balance of the resource requirements for the six posts under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period ending 30 June 2007;

40. *Further decides* that three of the posts established above (one P-4, one P-3 and one General Service (Other level)) will be designated to the Vendor Registration and Management Team with a view to, inter alia, promoting the diversification of the origin of vendors among all Member States, including developing countries and countries with economies in transition, simplifying vendor registration, managing the vendor database and liaising with vendors;

41. *Approves* the resource requirements of 1,050,000 dollars proposed in the report of the Secretary-General for the Procurement Division under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the rest of the fiscal year ending 30 June 2007, as follows:

(*a*) 200,000 dollars for consultants to review industry practices and procurement models in specific industries relevant to United Nations requirements;

(*b*) 800,000 dollars for training of both Headquarters and peacekeeping mission procurement staff (640,000 dollars for consultants to organize training, 150,000 dollars for travel of staff for procurement training and 10,000 dollars for training-related supplies and materials);

(*c*) 50,000 dollars for travel in relation to business seminars;

42. *Also approves* the reclassification of the Chief of Procurement post from the D-1 to the D-2 level;

43. *Requests* the Secretary-General to comprehensively review the post and non-post requirements of the Procurement Division, taking into account General Assembly resolutions on procurement reform, including the present one, and to submit proposals based on identified requirements in the context of the budget for the support account for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/621)*]

61/247. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1528 (2004) of 27 February 2004, by which the Council established the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for an initial period of twelve months as from 4 April 2004, the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation, the latest of which was resolution 1652 (2006) of 24 January 2006, and resolution 1682 (2006) of 2 June 2006, in which the Council authorized an increase in the strength of the Operation of up to 1,500 additional personnel, by a maximum of 1,025 military and 475 civilian police personnel,

Recalling also its resolution 58/310 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Operation and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 60/17 B of 30 June 2006,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005 and 60/266 of 30 June 2006, as well as other relevant resolutions;

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[1] A/61/468.

[2] A/61/551.

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire as at 30 September 2006, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 186.6 million United States dollars, representing some 17 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Operation in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Operation;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Reaffirms* its resolution 59/296, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of its relevant provisions and the relevant provisions of its resolution 60/266;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Operation against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Operation;

Revised budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire the amount of 52,714,100 dollars for the maintenance of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, in addition to the amount of 438,366,800 dollars already appropriated for the same period under the terms of its resolution 60/17 B;

Financing of the appropriation

14. *Decides also*, taking into account the amount of 438,366,800 dollars previously apportioned for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 under the terms of its resolution 60/17 B, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 24,089,777 dollars for the period from 1 July to 15 December 2006, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2006, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

15. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 63,842 dollars, representing the estimated increase in staff assessment income approved for the Operation for the period from 1 July to 15 December 2006;

16. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 28,624,323 dollars at a monthly rate of 4,403,742 dollars for the period from 16 December 2006 to 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolutions 58/256 of 23 December 2003 and 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2006, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B, and the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Operation;

17. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 75,858 dollars, representing the estimated increase in staff assessment income approved for the Operation for the period from 16 December 2006 to 30 June 2007;

18. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

19. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Operation, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

20. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Operation in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

21. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire".

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/617)]

61/248. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1312 (2000) of 31 July 2000, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1710 (2006) of 29 September 2006,

Recalling its resolution 55/237 of 23 December 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 60/272 of 30 June 2006,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005 and 60/266 of 30 June 2006, as well as other relevant resolutions;

[1] A/61/521 and Corr.1.

[2] A/61/575.

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea as at 30 September 2006, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 49.2 million United States dollars, representing some 4.4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-nine Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Reaffirms* its resolution 59/296, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of its relevant provisions and the relevant provisions of its resolution 60/266;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

13. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in view of the recent reconfiguration and reduction in the strength of the Mission, to rejustify all posts and to report thereon to the General Assembly in the context of the budget of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

Revised budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

14. *Decides* to reduce the appropriation of 174,679,200 dollars authorized for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

under the terms of its resolution 60/272 by the amount of 37,294,100 dollars, to 137,385,100 dollars;

15. *Also decides* to reduce the amount of staff assessment income for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 from 3,563,700 dollars to 2,751,000 dollars;

Financing of the appropriation

16. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 53,824,800 dollars, inclusive of the amount of 3,121,550 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 657,750 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base, at a monthly rate of 8,970,800 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2007, in addition to the amount of 91,118,900 dollars already apportioned for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2006, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolutions 58/256 of 23 December 2003 and 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in Assembly resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

17. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,370,050 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2007, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 969,150 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 351,100 dollars approved for the support account and the prorated share of 49,800 dollars approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

18. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

19. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in peacekeeping operations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

20. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

21. *Decides* to continue its consideration of this question at its resumed sixty-first session.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/644)*]

61/249. Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1704 (2006) of 25 August 2006, by which the Council decided to establish a follow-on mission in Timor-Leste, the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste, for an initial period of six months, with the intention to renew it for further periods,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005 and 60/266 of 30 June 2006, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

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[1] A/61/519.
[2] A/61/567.

3. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

4. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

5. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

6. *Recalls* its resolution 60/266, section VI, paragraph 1, and emphasizes the importance of ensuring coordination and collaboration of efforts with the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and the implementation of a unified workplan, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on measures taken and progress made and to provide clear descriptions of respective roles and responsibilities in future budget submissions;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Notes* the additional information provided by the Secretary-General on the ability to finance twenty-two general temporary assistance positions for the backstopping of the Mission at United Nations Headquarters in the amount of 2,307,500 United States dollars from the resources approved for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[3]

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to finance up to twenty-two general temporary assistance positions at United Nations Headquarters to provide support for the deployment of the Mission from the resources approved for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, to be reported to the General Assembly in the context of the performance report on the support account for the period;

11. *Reaffirms* its resolution 59/296, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of its relevant provisions and the relevant provisions of its resolution 60/266;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

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[3] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Fifth Committee*, 34th meeting (A/C.5/61/SR.34), and corrigendum.

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to make greater use of national staff;

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15. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste for the purpose of accounting for the income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Mission;

16. *Also authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Mission for the period from 25 August 2006 to 31 March 2007 in a total amount not exceeding 170,221,100 dollars, inclusive of the amount of 49,961,500 dollars previously authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

Financing of the commitment authority

17. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 143,140,420 dollars for the period from 25 August 2006 to 25 February 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolutions 58/256 of 23 December 2003 and 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2006, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, and the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

18. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 2,046,840 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 25 August 2006 to 25 February 2007;

19. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 27,080,680 dollars for the period from 26 February to 31 March 2007 at the monthly rate of 23,556,753 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in its resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

20. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 19 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 387,360 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 26 February to 31 March 2007;

21. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

22. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

23. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

24. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste".

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/657)*]

61/250. Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon,[1] the letter dated 17 August 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Recalling Security Council resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1701 (2006) of 11 August 2006, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 31 August 2007 and authorized an increase in the strength of the Force to a maximum of 15,000 troops,

Recalling also its resolution S-8/2 of 21 April 1978 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 60/278 of 30 June 2006,

Reaffirming its resolutions 51/233 of 13 June 1997, 52/237 of 26 June 1998, 53/227 of 8 June 1999, 54/267 of 15 June 2000, 55/180 A of 19 December 2000, 55/180 B of 14 June 2001, 56/214 A of 21 December 2001, 56/214 B of 27 June 2002, 57/325 of 18 June 2003, 58/307 of 18 June 2004, 59/307 of 22 June 2005 and 60/278,

Reaffirming also the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force,

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[1] A/61/588.
[2] A/60/986.
[3] A/61/616.

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005 and 60/266 of 30 June 2006, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the Force as at 31 October 2006, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 67.9 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-eight Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

4. *Expresses deep concern* that Israel did not comply with General Assembly resolutions 51/233, 52/237, 53/227, 54/267, 55/180 A, 55/180 B, 56/214 A, 56/214 B, 57/325, 58/307, 59/307 and 60/278;

5. *Stresses once again* that Israel should strictly abide by General Assembly resolutions 51/233, 52/237, 53/227, 54/267, 55/180 A, 55/180 B, 56/214 A, 56/214 B, 57/325, 58/307, 59/307 and 60/278;

6. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

7. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

8. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

9. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

10. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

11. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

12. *Takes note* of the proposal for the establishment of the Office of Political and Civil Affairs, as contained in paragraph 19 of the report of the Secretary-General,[1] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure, in reviewing the organizational structure of the Force, that it is in conformity with the mandate of the Force;

13. *Notes* the measures being undertaken by the Secretary-General, as set out in his letter;[2]

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further elaborate the rationale for and status of those measures implemented in the context of his next budget submission, during the first part of the resumed sixty-first session;

15. *Emphasizes* that the approval of commitment authority in no way implies approval of the establishment of posts or the creation of new functions;

16. *Recalls* section VIII of its resolution 60/266, and, mindful of the significantly increased size and the increased area of operation of the Force, decides to authorize the provision of 500,000 dollars for quick-impact projects;

17. *Decides* to authorize, without setting a precedent, the utilization of an amount not exceeding 750,000 dollars for temporary fuel assistance for the Force to assist the deployment of the Lebanese Armed Forces in southern Lebanon;

18. *Reaffirms* its resolution 59/296, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of its relevant provisions and the relevant provisions of its resolution 60/266;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

20. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

21. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to ensure the full implementation of paragraph 8 of its resolution 51/233, paragraph 5 of its resolution 52/237, paragraph 11 of its resolution 53/227, paragraph 14 of its resolution 54/267, paragraph 14 of its resolution 55/180 A, paragraph 15 of its resolution 55/180 B, paragraph 13 of its resolution 56/214 A, paragraph 13 of its resolution 56/214 B, paragraph 14 of its resolution 57/325, paragraph 13 of its resolution 58/307, paragraph 13 of its resolution 59/307 and paragraph 17 of its resolution 60/278, stresses once again that Israel shall pay the amount of 1,117,005 dollars resulting from the incident at Qana on 18 April 1996, and requests the Secretary-General to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its current session;

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22. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Force for the period from 1 July 2006 to 31 March 2007 in a total amount not exceeding 257,340,400 dollars, inclusive of the amount of 50 million dollars previously authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 and in addition to the amount of 97,579,600 dollars already appropriated for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 under the terms of its resolution 60/278;

23. *Also authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the period from 1 July 2006 to 31 March 2007 in a total amount not exceeding 2,486,900 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and in respect of the backstopping of the Force at Headquarters;

Financing of the commitment authority

24. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 257,340,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2006 to 31 March 2007 for the expansion of the Force, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolutions 58/256 of 23 December 2003 and 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2006, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, and the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

25. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 2,305,800 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Force;

26. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

27. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Force;

28. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

29. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-first session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon".

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

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61/251. Capital master plan

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 54/249 of 23 December 1999, 55/238 of 23 December 2000, 56/234 and 56/236 of 24 December 2001 and 56/286 of 27 June 2002, section II of its resolution 57/292 of 20 December 2002, its resolution 59/295 of 22 June 2005, section II of its resolution 60/248 of 23 December 2005, its resolutions 60/256 of 8 May 2006 and 60/282 of 30 June 2006 and section II.B of its resolution 61/236 of 22 December 2006 and its decision 58/566 of 8 April 2004,

Having considered the fourth annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan,[1] the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] the reports of the Secretary-General on the viable options for ensuring sufficient parking space at United Nations Headquarters[3] and the plans for three additional conference rooms and viable solutions for allowing natural light into the rooms,[4] the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the United Nations capital master plan for the periods from August 2003 through July 2004[5] and from August 2004 to July 2005,[6] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on its activities for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006[7] and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon[8] and the reports of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the biennium ended 31 December 2003[9] and for the years ended 31 December 2004[10] and 31 December 2005,[11]

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[1] A/61/549.

[2] A/59/556 and A/61/595.

[3] A/58/712.

[4] A/58/556.

[5] See A/59/420.

[6] A/60/288.

[7] A/61/264 (Part I) and Add.1.

[8] See A/61/264 (Part I)/Add.2.

[9] See A/59/161.

[10] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 5* (A/60/5), vol. V.

[11] Ibid., *Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 5* (A/61/5), vol. V.

Reaffirming that the costs of the capital master plan are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Reiterates its serious concern* at the hazards, risks and deficiencies of the current condition of the United Nations Headquarters Building, which endanger the safety, health and well-being of staff, delegations, visitors and tourists;

2. *Stresses* the special role of the host country Government with regard to support for United Nations Headquarters in New York;

3. *Recalls* the current practices of host Governments with regard to support for United Nations headquarters and United Nations bodies located in their territories;

4. *Takes note* of the fourth annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan,[1] the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] the reports of the Secretary-General on the viable options for ensuring sufficient parking space at United Nations Headquarters[3] and the plans for three additional conference rooms and viable solutions for allowing natural light into the rooms,[4] the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the United Nations capital master plan for the periods from August 2003 through July 2004[5] and from August 2004 to July 2005,[6] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on its activities for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006[7] and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon[8] and the reports of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the biennium ended 31 December 2003[9] and for the years ended 31 December 2004[10] and 31 December 2005;[11]

5. *Also takes note* of the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

6. *Reaffirms* section VI of its resolution 55/222 of 23 December 2000;

7. *Also reaffirms* paragraph 6 of its resolution 60/256, and calls upon the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of private donor funding for the capital master plan and to continue efforts to secure financial resources from the public and private sectors for upgrading facilities and equipment, including the participation of private companies in infrastructural improvements where such participation has no financial implications for the Organization;

8. *Recalls* that the acceptance of any donation should conform to the international and intergovernmental character of the Organization and should be in full compliance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;[12]

9. *Stresses* the need for establishing sufficient cash flow for the purpose of the capital master plan, based on a practical and predictable assessment plan;

10. *Decides* to approve the capital master plan, including the recommended scope options, to be completed from 2006 to 2014, at a total revised project budget not to exceed 1,876.7 million United States dollars (exclusive of any credit facility fees);

11. *Notes* that forward pricing escalation is already included in the approved budget contained in the fourth annual progress report of the Secretary-General, and

[12] ST/SGB/2003/7.

requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to avoid budget increases through sound project management practices and to ensure that the capital master plan is completed within the approved budget and the envisaged time schedule;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly for its consideration possible options on how to remain within the approved budget of 1,876.7 million dollars in the unlikely event that it becomes evident that the costs will exceed the approved budget;

13. *Decides* that in the unlikely event of cost escalations beyond the approved budget of 1,876.7 million dollars, all Member States will be subject to a further assessment to meet the revised financial requirements as approved by the General Assembly;

14. *Approves* the funding of the capital master plan, based on a mix of one-time and equal multi-year assessments;

15. *Decides* that under the mixed assessment option of one-time and multi-year assessment, all assessments will be based on the regular budget scale of assessments applicable for 2007;[13]

16. *Also decides* that, notwithstanding financial regulation 3.4, assessments for the capital master plan shall be issued on the same day of the first working week of January and shall be considered due and payable in full within one hundred and twenty days of that date;

17. *Agrees*, in this context, that in 2007 Member States will be allowed a period of sixty days, beginning on 5 January, within the period of one hundred and twenty days referred to in paragraph 16 above, to select the option of one-time or multi-year payment of their assessment on a fixed scale, as referred to in paragraph 15 above;

18. *Decides*, on an exceptional and ad hoc basis, unless notified otherwise by a Member State within sixty days of the issuance of the notification by the Secretary-General, to place Member States on the multi-year assessment plan for the full period of the capital master plan;

19. *Also decides* that once a Member State selects the option of one-time payment, that selection shall be irrevocable, unless otherwise notified to the Secretary-General by the end of the period of one hundred and twenty days referred to in paragraph 16 above;

20. *Further decides* to apportion, on the same day of the first working week of January for the period from 2007 to 2011, the amounts applicable, based on each Member State's assessment option of either a one-time payment, based on its share of 1,716.7 million dollars, or equal multi-year payments over five years, in accordance with the regular budget rates of assessment applicable for 2007 for all assessments for the capital master plan, using the scale of assessments for the period 2007–2009;

21. *Decides* to appropriate 42 million dollars for 2007 for the design and pre-construction phases of the capital master plan, including swing-space requirements;

[13] See resolution 61/237.

22. *Approves* the establishment of a working capital reserve of 45 million dollars under the capital master plan account, to be operated under the terms of financial regulations 3.5, 4.2 and 4.3;

23. *Resolves* that Member States shall make advances to the working capital reserve in accordance with the regular budget rates of assessment applicable for 2007 in the scale of assessments for the period 2007–2009;

24. *Approves* the establishment of a letter of credit facility as outlined in paragraphs 35 to 38 of the fourth annual progress report of the Secretary-General, pursuant to a bidding process conducted in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

25. *Stresses* that any drawdown on the letter of credit should be a last resort and solely for the purpose of funding the capital master plan;

26. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in this regard, to ensure that the best possible terms and conditions that preserve the interests of the Organization are negotiated with the construction manager in respect of the internationally syndicated letter of credit;

27. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to enter into consultations with the host country Government regarding the possibility of facilitating the establishment of the letter of credit without the imposition of fees or charges to the United Nations;

28. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the results of the negotiations and consultations and the status of the establishment of the letter of credit, in the context of his annual report on the capital master plan;

29. *Notes* that the establishment of the letter of credit could incur a fee of between 0.05 and 0.5 per cent of the value of the credit facility at the start of each year, and agrees that Member States will be assessed their share of the fees at the beginning of each calendar year on the basis of the regular budget scale of assessments for 2007;

30. *Approves* any necessary drawdown on the letter of credit, and requests the Secretary-General to advise Member States, as a matter of urgency, if a drawdown on the letter of credit is likely, preferably ninety days in advance;

31. *Recalls* paragraph 18 of its resolution 60/282, and decides that, notwithstanding financial regulation 3.1, any charges arising from a drawdown on the letter of credit would not be a charge on Member States that have paid in full their capital master plan assessments for the applicable period within the one hundred and twenty days of the issuance of the letters of assessment;

32. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to apportion annually those charges arising from a drawdown on the letter of credit among Member States that did not pay their assessed contributions to the capital master plan in full, within the period of one hundred and twenty days specified in paragraph 16 above, based on a monthly calculation using the total charges levied during each month and the prorated share of each Member State concerned of the average total assessed contributions that are outstanding for the capital master plan during that month;

33. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly annually on the financial aspects of the capital master plan, in particular on any outstanding contributions and on the amount of the charges specified in paragraph 32 above and the apportionment among Member States;

34. *Reaffirms* that the charges to be apportioned in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 32 above are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations;

35. *Stresses* the importance of oversight with respect to the implementation of the capital master plan, and requests the Board of Auditors and all other relevant oversight bodies to continue to report to the General Assembly annually on the capital master plan;

36. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that amendments to contracts are in line with the *United Nations Procurement Manual*, and emphasizes that contracts should stipulate that the United Nations will not be responsible for any delays, damage or loss on the part of the contractor;

37. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to continue to explore ways to increase procurement opportunities for vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition and to take the provisions of its resolutions 54/14 of 29 October 1999, 55/247 of 12 April 2001, 57/279 of 20 December 2002, 59/288 of 13 April 2005 and 60/1 of 16 September 2005 on procurement reform fully into consideration in the implementation of the capital master plan;

38. *Also reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to ensure that procurement processes are conducted in a transparent manner and in full compliance with relevant General Assembly resolutions;

39. *Emphasizes* to the Secretary-General the importance of effectively managing the multiple staff relocations under the approved phasing plan in order to keep the project on schedule;

40. *Urges* the Secretary-General to expedite the process of setting up the advisory board, reflecting wide geographical representation, so that it can begin its work as soon as possible, as provided for in section II of General Assembly resolution 57/292;

41. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that works of art, masterpieces and other gifts are appropriately handled during all the stages of the renovation work and that all associated costs are foreseen;

42. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to cooperate with those Member States that wish to take care of their gifts of works of art, masterpieces and other items during the renovation period;

43. *Decides* that, owing to the unique and exceptional circumstances arising from the capital master plan, the decisions set out in the present resolution shall under no circumstances constitute a precedent or imply any changes to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations.

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61/252. Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007

The General Assembly,

I

Construction of additional conference facilities at the Vienna International Centre

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the efforts by the Government of Austria, as host country, to construct conference facilities at the Vienna International Centre;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,[1] and endorses the related observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;[2]

II

Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the efforts of the Government of Ethiopia, as host country, in facilitating the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa;

[1] A/61/166.
[2] A/61/361.
[3] A/61/158.
[4] A/61/362.

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,[3] and endorses the related observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;[4]

III

Contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on a contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration[5] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General[5] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[6]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, at the second part of its resumed sixty-first session, a comprehensive report setting out:

(*a*) Options for reducing the risk posed to the United Nations Postal Administration by the use of its services for commercial and bulk mail;

(*b*) Options other than the establishment of the contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration;

(*c*) The status of the negotiations between the United Nations Postal Administration and postal authorities where the United Nations Postal Administration operates;

(*d*) Further elaboration of the proposals contained in the report of the Secretary-General;

IV

Identification of additional resources for the Development Account

Recalling its resolutions 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, 52/220 and 52/221 A of 22 December 1997, 52/235 of 26 June 1998, 53/220 A of 7 April 1999, 53/220 B of 8 June 1999, 54/15 of 29 October 1999, 56/237 of 24 December 2001 and 60/246 of 23 December 2005,

Reaffirming its resolution 56/237, whereby it requested the Secretary-General to intensify efforts to enhance efficiency measures that might result in sustainable savings, with a view to augmenting the Development Account, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/15,

Noting with concern that since the establishment of the Development Account in 1997, no savings from possible reductions in administration and other overhead costs have been identified for transfer to the Development Account, notwithstanding the decisions of the General Assembly, including its resolution 52/12 B,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the identification of additional resources for the Development Account[7] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[8]

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[5] A/61/295.

[6] A/61/480.

[7] A/61/282.

[8] A/61/479.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[7]

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[8]

3. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of its resolution 60/246, and regrets that the Secretary-General has not been able to provide recommendations to the General Assembly on how additional resources in the region of 5 million United States dollars could be added to the Development Account;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it at its sixty-second session a comprehensive report setting out recommendations on how additional resources, without using surpluses, could be identified for transfer to the Development Account, including:

(*a*) A review of the modalities and rationale for the funding of the Development Account as contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the Account submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session[9] and subsequent reports of the Secretary-General and resolutions of the Assembly, in the light of experience;

(*b*) A definition of procedures to identify efficiency or other gains, including but not limited to any potential savings that might be identified by Member States for transfer to the Development Account in the context of intergovernmental processes, as well as their practical measures of implementation;

5. *Decides* to appropriate under section 34, Development Account, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007 the amount of 2.5 million dollars as an immediate exceptional measure towards addressing the lack of transfer of resources to the Account since its inception;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide recommendations to the General Assembly on identifying a further 2.5 million dollars in the context of his report to be submitted in accordance with paragraph 4 (*b*) above;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare an assessment of the impact of the Development Account in terms of its aims and purposes and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session;

V

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its first, resumed second, and third sessions and its first, second and third special sessions in 2006

Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its first, resumed second, and third sessions and its first, second and third special sessions in 2006,[10] and endorses the related oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[11]

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[7] A/52/1009.

[10] A/61/530 and Add.1.

[11] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Fifth Committee*, 34th meeting (A/C.5/61/SR.34), and corrigendum.

VI

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the reports of the International Civil Service Commission for 2005 and 2006

Recalling its resolution 61/239 of 22 December 2006, entitled "United Nations common system: report of the International Civil Service Commission",

Takes note of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General[12] on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the reports of the International Civil Service Commission for 2005[13] and 2006[14] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[15]

VII

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Recalling its resolutions 60/247 A and 60/248 of 23 December 2005, 60/255 of 8 May 2006 and 60/281 of 30 June 2006,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council[16] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the management of special political missions by the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat,[17] as well as the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[18]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[16]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[18] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services,[17] and decides to revert to the consideration of this report during its consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009;

4. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts made to include information on actual and potential synergies and complementarities for each individual mission, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to develop and improve the presentation of information in this regard;

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[12] A/61/381.

[13] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 30* and corrigendum (A/60/30 and Corr.1).

[14] Ibid., *Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 30* (A/61/30).

[15] A/61/484.

[16] A/61/525 and Add.1-5 and Add.3/Corr.1.

[17] A/61/357.

[18] A/61/640 and Corr.1.

5. *Underlines* the continued importance of the Secretary-General's ensuring, when appointing his Special Representatives and Envoys, the highest standards of integrity, competency, impartiality and professionalism;

6. *Recalls* that in paragraph 9 of its resolution 55/231 of 23 December 2000, it requested the Secretary-General to ensure that, in presenting the programme budget, expected accomplishments and, where possible, indicators of achievement were included to measure achievements in the implementation of the programmes of the Organization and not those of individual Member States;

7. *Notes* the concerns expressed by Member States[11] and requests the Secretary-General to review the logical frameworks for all special political missions in order to ensure that their programmatic aspects and resource requirements are consistent with mandates of the General Assembly and the Security Council, and to report thereon to the Assembly no later than the early part of the second part of its resumed sixty-first session;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit his future budget proposals in full compliance with its resolution 55/231;

9. *Approves* a charge of 326,500,000 dollars for the budgets of special political missions for the year 2007;

10. *Takes note* of the estimated unencumbered balance of 95,883,600 dollars;

11. *Decides* to appropriate, after taking into account the estimated unencumbered balance of 95,883,600 dollars, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an amount of 230,616,400 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007;

12. *Also decides* to appropriate an amount of 22,383,900 dollars under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007;

VIII

First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007

Having considered the first performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007[19] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[20]

Recalling its resolutions 60/247 A and B of 23 December 2005, 60/281 of 30 June 2006 and 60/283 of 7 July 2006,

1. *Reaffirms* the budgetary process as approved in its resolution 41/213 and as reaffirmed in subsequent resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the first performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007 and the addendum on the utilization of the subvention for the Special Court for Sierra Leone[19] and endorses the

[19] A/61/593 and Add.1.

[20] A/61/635.

observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;[20]

3. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of its resolution 58/270 of 23 December 2003 and section III, paragraph 12, of its resolution 60/283 and, noting with concern that within the context of the fifty posts experiment, no available posts were provided for the new post requests referred to in paragraphs IV.2, IV.28 and IV.29 of the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007,[21] reiterates once again its request to the Secretary-General to expeditiously implement paragraph 8 of its resolution 60/246 of 23 December 2005 and to report thereon in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007;

4. *Also recalls* section III, paragraph 6, of its resolution 60/283, and requests the Secretary-General to implement its provisions and to report thereon in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007;

5. *Emphasizes* that the performance report should be submitted in a timely manner in order to allow Member States to analyse it and to facilitate budget preparation;

6. *Approves* a net increase of 81,246,800 dollars in the appropriation approved for the biennium 2006–2007 and a net increase of 28,857,800 dollars in the estimates of income for the biennium, to be apportioned among expenditure and income sections as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General;

IX

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2006

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2006[22] and endorses the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[23]

X

Administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board[24] and the related oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[25]

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[21] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/60/7 and Corr.1).

[22] A/61/370 and Corr.1.

[23] A/61/498.

[24] A/61/577.

[25] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Fifth Committee*, 27th meeting (A/C.5/61/SR.27), and corrigendum.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;[24]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on any additional requirements arising from the recommendations of the Board in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007;

XI

Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme and the role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice as its governing body

Recalling its resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991, in which it approved the statement of principles and programme of action of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, according to which the United Nations Trust Fund for Social Defence[26] was renamed the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund and became an integral part of the Programme,

Recalling also its resolution 55/25 of 15 November 2000, in which it decided that, until the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime decided otherwise, the account referred to in article 30 of the Convention[27] would be operated within the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund,

Recalling further its resolution 58/4 of 31 October 2003, in which it decided that, until the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption decided otherwise, the account referred to in article 62 of the Convention[28] would be operated within the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund,

Taking note of the Secretary-General's bulletin on the organization of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,[29] by which the Secretary-General decided that the Office would be established to implement the Organization's drug programme and crime programme in an integrated manner and that the Executive Director would be responsible for all the activities of the Office, as well as its administration,

Considering that, starting from the biennium 2004–2005, a consolidated budget for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime has been prepared, including budgets for its drug and crime programmes,

Considering also that the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, in accordance with the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 and relevant subsequent resolutions, already provides its views and guidance on the proposed biennial programme plan and on the crime programme, which forms the basis for the formulation of the proposed programme budget for the following biennium and whose narrative part is subsequently considered by the Commission,

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[26] See Economic and Social Council resolution 1086 B (XXXIX).

[27] Resolution 55/25, annex I.

[28] Resolution 58/4, annex.

[29] ST/SGB/2004/6.

Noting the delegation of authority for the management of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund from the Secretary-General to the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna,

Considering that it would be opportune to grant the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice the same powers with respect to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund as the Commission on Narcotic Drugs has with respect to the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme,

Having considered the letter dated 19 October 2006 from the Chairman of the Third Committee addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee[30] transmitting a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme and the role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice as its governing body", the relevant note by the Secretary-General,[31] and the related oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[25]

1. *Authorizes* the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, as the principal United Nations policymaking body on crime prevention and criminal justice issues, to approve, on the basis of the proposals of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, bearing in mind the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the budget of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund, including its administrative and programme support costs budget, other than expenditures borne by the regular budget of the United Nations, without prejudice to the powers of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, as provided for in that Convention,[27] and to the powers of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, as provided for in that Convention;[28]

2. *Requests* the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to submit its comments and recommendations on the biennial consolidated budget for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;

3. *Requests* the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the ways in which it plans to carry out the administrative and financial functions;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to promulgate financial rules for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[32] it being understood that the references in the said financial rules to the role and functions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice shall be consistent with the role of the Commission given in paragraph 1 above;

5. *Decides* that, notwithstanding regulations 6.1 and 6.5 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime shall maintain the accounts of the Fund and shall be

[30] A/C.5/61/9.

[31] A/C.5/61/10.

[32] ST/SGB/2003/7.

responsible for submitting the said accounts and related financial statements, no later than 31 March following the end of the financial period, to the Board of Auditors and for submitting financial reports to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and to the General Assembly;

XII

Contingency fund

Notes that a balance of 637,300 dollars remains in the contingency fund.

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61/253. Programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007

A

REVISED BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 2006–2007

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the biennium 2006–2007, the amount of 3,829,916,200 United States dollars appropriated by it in its resolutions 60/247 A of 23 December 2005, 60/281 of 30 June 2006, and 60/283 of 7 July 2006 shall be adjusted by 343,979,700 dollars, as follows:

Section		*Amount approved in resolutions 60/247 A, 60/281 and 60/283*	*Increase (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
		(United States dollars)		
	Part I. *Overall policymaking, direction and coordination*			
1.	Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	74 959 100	2 044 600	77 003 700
2.	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	586 776 200	15 736 300	602 512 500
	Total, part I	**661 735 300**	**17 780 900**	**679 516 200**
	Part II. *Political affairs*			
3.	Political affairs	451 092 600	235 778 400	686 871 000
4.	Disarmament	20 381 100	90 400	20 471 500
5.	Peacekeeping operations	94 091 000	2 579 600	96 670 600
6.	Peaceful uses of outer space	5 906 800	268 900	6 175 700
	Total, part II	**571 471 500**	**238 717 300**	**810 188 800**

Section		*Amount approved in resolutions 60/247 A, 60/281 and 60/283*	*Increase (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
		(United States dollars)		
	Part III. *International justice and law*			
7.	International Court of Justice	34 956 900	1 828 100	36 785 000
8.	Legal affairs	42 289 400	(136 400)	42 153 000
	Total, part III	**77 246 300**	**1 691 700**	**78 938 000**
	Part IV. *International cooperation for development*			
9.	Economic and social affairs	157 930 900	(456 800)	157 474 100
10.	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	5 056 800	(4 100)	5 052 700
11.	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	10 791 900	11 200	10 803 100
12.	Trade and development	111 091 600	6 061 300	117 152 900
13.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	25 915 800	985 700	26 901 500
14.	Environment	11 977 100	309 500	12 286 600
15.	Human settlements	17 864 500	424 900	18 289 400
16.	International drug control, crime prevention and criminal justice	31 527 800	1 310 600	32 838 400
	Total, part IV	**372 156 400**	**8 642 300**	**380 798 700**
	Part V. *Regional cooperation for development*			
17.	Economic and social development in Africa	106 011 400	1 392 800	107 404 200
18.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	71 858 100	2 806 700	74 664 800
19.	Economic development in Europe	54 176 700	2 933 300	57 110 000
20.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	94 630 400	2 549 700	97 180 100
21.	Economic and social development in Western Asia	53 416 900	2 907 700	56 324 600
22.	Regular programme of technical cooperation	45 622 000	1 259 400	46 881 400
	Total, part V	**425 715 500**	**13 849 600**	**439 565 100**
	Part VI. *Human rights and humanitarian affairs*			
23.	Human rights	83 088 400	4 920 700	88 009 100
24.	Protection of and assistance to refugees	64 645 200	2 386 000	67 031 200
25.	Palestine refugees	35 184 800	1 546 500	36 731 300
26.	Humanitarian assistance	26 140 500	425 500	26 566 000
	Total, part VI	**209 058 900**	**9 278 700**	**218 337 600**

Section		*Amount approved in resolutions 60/247 A, 60/281 and 60/283*	*Increase (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
		(United States dollars)		
	Part VII. *Public information*			
27.	Public information	177 302 500	1 549 300	178 851 800
	Total, part VII	**177 302 500**	**1 549 300**	**178 851 800**
	Part VIII. *Common support services*			
28.	Management and support services	515 239 300	12 738 900	527 978 200
	Total, part VIII	**515 239 300**	**12 738 900**	**527 978 200**
	Part IX. *Internal oversight*			
29	Internal oversight	31 330 100	215 100	31 545 200
	Total, part IX	**31 330 100**	**215 100**	**31 545 200**
	Part X. *Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses*			
30.	Jointly financed administrative activities	11 602 800	(3 803 600)	7 799 200
31.	Special expenses	92 798 000	680 900	93 478 900
	Total, part X	**104 400 800**	**(3 122 700)**	**101 278 100**
	Part XI. *Capital expenditures*			
32.	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	74 841 300	3 690 700	78 532 000
	Total, part XI	**74 841 300**	**3 690 700**	**78 532 000**
	Part XII. *Safety and security*			
33.	Safety and security	190 131 400	5 406 400	195 537 800
	Total, part XII	**190 131 400**	**5 406 400**	**195 537 800**
	Part XIII. *Development Account*			
34.	Development Account	13 954 100	2 526 800	16 480 900
	Total, part XIII	**13 954 100**	**2 526 800**	**16 480 900**
	Part XIV. *Staff assessment*			
35.	Staff assessment	405 332 800	31 014 700	436 347 500
	Total, part XIV	**405 332 800**	**31 014 700**	**436 347 500**
	Grand total	**3 829 916 200**	**343 979 700**	**4 173 895 900**

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B

REVISED INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THE BIENNIUM 2006–2007

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the biennium 2006–2007, the estimates of income of 434,860,100 United States dollars approved by it in its resolutions 60/247 B of 23 December 2005, 60/281 of 30 June 2006, and 60/283 of 7 July 2006 shall be increased by 51,509,800 dollars, as follows:

Income section		*Amount approved in resolutions 60/247 B, 60/281 and 60/283*	*Increase (decrease)*	*Revised estimate*
		(United States dollars)		
1.	Income from staff assessment	409 239 700	31 547 800	440 787 500
	Total, income section 1	**409 239 700**	**31 547 800**	**440 787 500**
2.	General income	20 867 000	20 774 400	41 641 400
3.	Services to the public	4 753 400	(812 400)	3 941 000
	Total, income sections 2 and 3	**25 620 400**	**19 962 000**	**45 582 400**
	Grand total	**434 860 100**	**51 509 800**	**486 369 900**

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C

FINANCING OF THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2007

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the year 2007:

1. Budget appropriations totalling 2,274,439,650 United States dollars, and consisting of 1,899,456,250 dollars, being half of the appropriation initially approved for the biennium 2006–2007 in its resolution 60/247 A of 23 December 2005, 26,443,300 dollars, being the additional appropriation approved for the biennium in its resolution 60/281 of 30 June 2006, 4,560,400 dollars, being the additional appropriation approved for the biennium in its resolution 60/283 of 7 July 2006, and 343,979,700 dollars, being the increase approved in resolution A above, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 3.1 and 3.2 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[1] as follows:

(*a*) 32,772,200 dollars, consisting of:

(i) 12,810,200 dollars, being half of the estimated income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium in its resolution 60/247 B of 23 December 2005;

[1] ST/SGB/2003/7.

(ii) 19,962,000 dollars, being the increase in income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium in resolution B above;

(*b*) 2,241,667,450 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 240,912,700 dollars, consisting of:

(*a*) 200,867,400 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved by the Assembly in its resolution 60/247 B;

(*b*) 7,377,600 dollars, being the estimated increase in income from staff assessment approved by the Assembly in its resolution 60/281;

(*c*) 127,300 dollars, being the estimated increase in income from staff assessment approved by the Assembly in its resolution 60/283;

(*d*) 31,547,800 dollars, being the estimated increase in income from staff assessment approved by the Assembly in resolution B above;

(*e*) 992,600 dollars, being the increase in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2004–2005 compared with the revised estimates approved by the Assembly in its resolution 60/245 B of 23 December 2005.

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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/667)*]

61/254. Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2008–2009

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit in off-budget years an outline of the proposed programme budget for the following biennium,

Reaffirming also section VI of its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990,

Reaffirming further rule 153 of its rules of procedure,

Recalling its resolution 58/269 of 23 December 2003,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2008–2009[1] and the recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

3. *Reaffirms* that the proposed programme budget outline shall contain an indication of the following:

(*a*) A preliminary estimate of resources needed to accommodate the proposed programme of activities during the biennium;

(*b*) Priorities, reflecting general trends of a broad sectoral nature;

(*c*) Real growth, positive or negative, compared with the previous budget.

[1] A/61/576
[2] A/61/615

(*d*) Size of the contingency fund expressed as a percentage of the overall level of resources,

4. *Also reaffirms* that the budget outline should provide a greater level of predictability of resources required for the following biennium and promote greater involvement of Member States in the budgetary process, thereby facilitating the broadest possible agreement on the programme budget;

5. *Further reaffirms* that the budget proposals of the Secretary-General should reflect resource levels commensurate with mandates for their full, efficient and effective implementation;

6. *Notes* that the budget outline is a preliminary estimate of resources;

7. *Invites* the Secretary-General to prepare his proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009 on the basis of a preliminary estimate of 4,194,726,800 United States dollars at revised 2006–2007 rates;

8. *Decides* that the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009 shall contain provisions for recosting on the basis of the existing methodology;

9. *Decides also* that the priorities for the biennium 2008–2009 shall be the following:

(*a*) Maintenance of international peace and security;

(*b*) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences;

(*c*) Development of Africa;

(*d*) Promotion of human rights;

(*e*) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts;

(*f*) Promotion of justice and international law;

(*g*) Disarmament;

(*h*) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in view of his preliminary indicative estimates contained in the proposed budget outline, to reflect the priorities outlined in paragraph 9 above when presenting the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009;

11. *Decides* that the contingency fund shall be set at the level of 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate, namely at 31,460,500 dollars, that this amount shall be in addition to the overall level of the preliminary estimate and that it shall be used in accordance with the procedures for the use and operation of the contingency fund;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the experience of the utilization of the contingency fund and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session;

13. *Takes note* of the observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 9 of its report[2] on the experiment for a limited discretion for budgetary implementation;

14. *Recalls* section III of its resolution 60/283 of 7 July 2006, and stresses that the experiment for a limited discretion for budgetary implementation shall not imply any changes to the provisions guiding the use of the contingency fund.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

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61/255. Holocaust denial

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 60/7 of 1 November 2005,

Recalling that resolution 60/7 observes that remembrance of the Holocaust is critical to prevent further acts of genocide,

Recalling also that, for this reason, resolution 60/7 rejects efforts to deny the Holocaust which, by ignoring the historical fact of those terrible events, increase the risk they will be repeated,

Noting that all people and States have a vital stake in a world free of genocide,

Welcoming the establishment by the Secretary-General of a programme of outreach on the subject of "the Holocaust and the United Nations", and also welcoming the inclusion by Member States within their educational programmes of measures to confront attempts to deny or minimize the importance of the Holocaust,

Noting that 27 January has been designated by the United Nations as the annual International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust,

1. *Condemns without any reservation* any denial of the Holocaust;

2. *Urges* all Member States unreservedly to reject any denial of the Holocaust as a historical event, either in full or in part, or any activities to this end.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

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61/256. Strengthening of the capacity of the Organization in peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the objective of strengthening the United Nations capacity to manage, sustain and increase the effectiveness of peacekeeping activities while at the same time ensuring the safety and security of all United Nations personnel and improving accountability and effective management of personnel and resources,

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General for his efforts to enhance the performance of the Organization in the conduct of peacekeeping operations;

2. *Supports* the restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, including the establishment of a Department of Field Support, and notes in this regard the intention of the Secretary-General to appoint an Under-Secretary-General to head that Department;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report, as soon as possible, elaborating on the restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the establishment of the Department of Field Support, including functions, budgetary discipline and full financial implications – taking into account, inter alia, the recommendations in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[1] – for the consideration of and decision by the General Assembly during its sixty-first session, in accordance with established procedures;

4. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to take full account of the views of the Member States in this regard, including those expressed at the 2007 session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, in particular the need to take all measures to guarantee unity of command, to promote integration of efforts and to strengthen operational capacities, both at Headquarters and in field missions;

5. *Stresses* that the actions to restructure the Department of Peacekeeping Operations should be implemented with full respect for the relevant mandates, decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Security Council;

[1] A/61/743

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session a report to review the implementation of the present resolution.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/61/L.55)]

61/257. Strengthening of the capacity of the Organization to advance the disarmament agenda

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 31/90 of 14 December 1976, 37/99 K of 13 December 1982 and 52/12 A of 12 November 1997,

Reaffirming the central role and primary responsibility of the United Nations in the field of disarmament,

Bearing in mind the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and the Financial Regulations and Rules of the Organization,[1]

Taking note of the intention of the Secretary-General to establish an Office for Disarmament Affairs and to appoint a High Representative as the head of this Office,

1. *Supports* the establishment of an Office for Disarmament Affairs, while maintaining the budgetary autonomy and the integrity of the existing structures and functions of the current Department for Disarmament Affairs, and the appointment of a High Representative as the head of the Office for Disarmament Affairs at the rank of Under-Secretary-General, and welcomes the fact that the High Representative will report directly to the Secretary-General and be part of the policy decision-making process of the Secretariat;

2. *Stresses* that the Office for Disarmament Affairs will fully implement the relevant mandates, decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, as soon as possible following the appointment of the High Representative, a report, in accordance with established procedures, on the financial, administrative and budgetary implications arising from the appointment of the High Representative and the implementation of the mandates assigned to the Office for Disarmament Affairs;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session on the activities of the Office for Disarmament Affairs.

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[1] ST/SGB/2003/7.

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly for its consideration at its sixty-third session a report to review the implementation of the present resolution.

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61/258. Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 60/247 A and 60/248 of 23 December 2005, 60/255 of 8 May 2006, 60/281 of 30 June 2006 and 61/252 of 22 December 2006,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council,[1] as well as the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Decides* to approve the following positions for the United Nations Mission in Nepal:

(*a*) One Monitoring and Outreach Team Leader (P-3) and one Associate Civil Affairs Officer (P-2) for each of the five regional components of the Civil Affairs Office;

(*b*) One Senior Coordination Officer (P-5) for the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General;

(*c*) One Gender Affairs Officer (P-3) for the Gender Affairs Section;

(*d*) One Child Protection Officer (P-3) for the Child Protection Section;

4. *Also decides* to approve the following positions for the United Nations Integrated Office in Burundi:

[1] A/61/525/Add.6 and 7.

[2] A/61/640/Add.1 and 2.

(a) One Best Practices Officer (P-4) for the Office of the Executive Representative of the Secretary-General;

(b) One Political Affairs Officer (P-3) for the Political Affairs Office;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in executing the mandate of the United Nations Mission in Nepal, to ensure the timely recruitment of staff, the effective and efficient use of resources under operational costs for, inter alia, facilities and infrastructure, air transportation and communication, to improve coordination among United Nations entities operating in the mission area, and to report thereon in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007;

6. *Approves* budgets totalling 122,064,900 United States dollars in respect of the United Nations Integrated Office in Burundi (33,080,400 dollars), the United Nations representative to the International Advisory and Monitoring Board (162,500 dollars) and the United Nations Mission in Nepal (88,822,000 dollars) for the year 2007;

7. *Takes note* of the estimated unencumbered balance for the United Nations representative to the International Advisory and Monitoring Board of 156,800 dollars;

8. *Decides* to appropriate, taking into account the unencumbered balance of 156,800 dollars, under the procedure provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an amount of 121,902,400 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007;

9. *Also decides* to appropriate an amount of 5,672,200 dollars under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007.

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